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SUBJ: JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS (SALT TWO - 1372)

AT PLENARY, AUGUST 25, 1977, THE U.S. PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING
JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES BE ADOPTED AS THE THIRD ELEMENT OF THE
THREE-PART FRAMEWORK:

BEGIN TEXT:
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALISTIC
REPUBLICS,
HAVING CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFEN-
SIVE ARMS,
REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC STABILITY,
CONVINCED THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND FURTHER
REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD REDUCE THE DANGER OF AN
OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR AND STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND
SECURITY,
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

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THEY SHALL CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND FURTHER
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REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

1. EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY SHALL BE ASSURED;
2. STRATEGIC STABILITY SHALL BE ENHANCED;
3. SURVIVABILITY OF PERMITTED STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHALL BE
MAINTAINED AND ENHANCED;
4. FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS

SHALL BE CARRIED OUT;

5. FURTHER CONSTRAINTS ON THE QUALITATIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED;

6. LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE VERIFICATION.

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GUIDED BY THESE GENERAL PRINCIPLES, THEY SHALL SEEK IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS TO LEVELS NOT TO EXCEED AN AGREED AGGREGATE NUMBER IN THE RANGE FROM 1,800 TO 2,000, AND AN AGREED AGGREGATE NUMBER IN THE RANGE FROM 1,000 TO 1,100 FOR LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS;

2. A SUBLIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ;

3. A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS OF HEAVY ICBMS;

4. RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW ICBMS, AND ON MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ICBMS;

5. RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FLIGHT TESTS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS;

6. FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON STRATEGIC DEFENSES, INCLUDING AIR DEFENSES AND CIVIL DEFENSES;

7. PROVISIONS TO STRENGTHEN VERIFICATION, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE COOPERATIVE MEASURES;

8. OTHER PROVISIONS TO ENHANCE STABILITY, TO ENSURE EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY, AND TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES.

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